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Registration Subject to the filing

Registration No.	5268843	Registration date	08/22/2017
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Goods/Services Subject to the filing

Class 009. First Use: 2006/01/01 First Use In Commerce: 2006/01/01

All goods and services in the class are requested, namely: Prerecorded video cassette tapes, audioand video discs in the nature of CDs and DVDs and digital files, motion pictureand documentary film, all featuring live action, computer generated, animated cartoons and musical entertainment and educational subject matter in the field ofliterature, science, history, art, government, engineering, philosophy, fashion, mathematics, economics, and zoology; film and video equipment, namely still, motion picture film and video cameras, videocassette recorders, videocassette players, digital video or audio players, and film and video editing machines; computer software for film and video editing; eyeglasses

Class 041. First Use: 2006/01/01 First Use In Commerce: 2006/01/01

All goods and services in the class are requested, namely: Production, development and distribution of motion picture films, television programs, documentary films, music videos, virtual and augmented reality videos, concert video and interactive media in the nature of literature, science, technology, religion, sports, politics, history, art, government, engineering, philosophy, fashion, mathematics, and economics;theatrical or musical works performed in a live setting; publication of books and screen-plays; providing a website featuring educational information in the field of music, theater, cinema, design, photography, visual and performing arts and animal training; production of audio and audiovisual recordings; Entertainmentin the nature of live radio personalityperformances; Entertainment services, namely, providing webcasts and video podcasts in the field of personality performances

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

JOHN ZOX, an individual Trademark: ZOXLIST

Opposer,

Serial No.: 88/582,432

v. Filed: August 16, 2019

ZOX LLC, Published: April 14, 2020

Applicant.

Opposition No.: 91265309

APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND COUNTERCLAIM

Applicant, Zox LLC ("Zox" or "Applicant"), for its answer to the Notice of Opposition filed by John Zox ("Opposer") against its application for registration of Zox' trademark ZOXLIST, Serial No. 88/582,432 filed August 16, 2019, and published in the Official Gazette on April 14, 2020 (the "ZOXLIST Mark" or "432 Application"), pleads and avers as follows:

ANSWER

Applicant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a basis to admit or deny that Opposer is an individual residing in New York, New York and, therefore, denies the same. Applicant admits that by this Opposition Proceeding, Opposer seeks to oppose Application Serial No. 88/582,432. Applicant denies any and all remaining allegations as set forth in the introductory paragraph of the Notice of Opposition.

- 1. Applicant admits that Opposer purports to be a member of a band purportedly called "Zox." Applicant lacks knowledge and information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 1 and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
 - 2. Applicant lacks knowledge and information sufficient to admit or deny the

allegations of Paragraph 2 and, therefore, denies all such allegations.

- 3. Applicant lacks knowledge and information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 3 and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 4. Applicant lacks knowledge and information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 4 and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 5. As to the allegations in Paragraph 5, according to Spotify, the band Zox appears to have 15,790 monthly listeners and approximately 9,000 monthly listeners on Pandora. Applicant lacks knowledge and information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 5 and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 6. Applicant lacks knowledge and information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 6 and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
- 7. As to the allegations in Paragraph 7, Applicant submits according to the United States Patent and Trademark Office records:
 - Registration No. 2,965,344 was cancelled on October 12, 2012;
 - Registration No. 2,838,652 was cancelled on December 10, 2010;
 - Registration No. 5,268,843 is subject of a pending cancellation action no.
 92074323; and
 - Application Serial No. 88/228,839 is subject of a pending opposition proceeding no. 91252817.

Applicant submits the application and registration records cited herein are the best evidence of their content and reference is hereby made to the same. Applicant denies any and all remaining allegations in Paragraph 7.

8. Applicant lacks knowledge and information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 8 and, therefore, denies all such allegations.

- 9. As to the allegations in Paragraph 9, Applicant admits it filed a cancellation action against United States Trademark Registration No. 5,268,843 and asserted U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 88/582,432 along with several other ZOX marks owned by Applicant as a basis for cancellation, Applicant lacks knowledge and information sufficient to admit or deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 9 and, therefore, denies all such allegations.
 - 10. Applicant admits the allegations in Paragraph 10.
 - 11. Applicant admits the allegations in Paragraph 11.
 - 12. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 12.
- 13. As to the allegations of Paragraph 13, Applicant admits its first use in commerce date for the '432 Application is listed as November 27, 2012. Applicant denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 13.
- 14. As to the allegations of Paragraph 14, Applicant admits the filing date of the '432 Application is listed as August 16, 2019. Applicant denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 14.
 - 15. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 15.
 - 16. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 16.
 - 17. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 17.
 - 18. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 18.
 - 19. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 19.
 - 20. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 20.
- 21. As to the allegations in Paragraph 21, Applicant admits on or about August 16, 2019, Applicant filed the '432 Application for the mark ZOXLIST, which included a sworn

declaration signed under penalty of perjury by Kara Kuipers, counsel for Applicant, that the mark ZOXLIST was "first used in commerce at least as early as 11/27/2012, and is now in use in such commerce" in International Class 35.

- 22. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 22.
- 23. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 23.
- 24. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 24.
- 25. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 25.
- 26. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 26.
- 27. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 27.
- 28. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 28.
- 29. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 29.
- 30. As to the allegations in Paragraph 30, Applicant admits the '432 Application to register the mark ZOXLIST included a sworn declaration by Kara Kuipers, counsel for Applicant, to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in which Ms. Kuipers affirmatively stated that:

If the applicant is filing the application based on use in commerce under 15 U.S.C. § 1051(a): The signatory believes that the applicant is the owner of the trademark/service mark sought to be registered; The mark is in use in commerce on or in connection with the goods/services in the application; The specimen(s) shows the mark as used on or in connection with the goods/services in the application; and The facts set forth in the application are true...[and] The signatory being warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements and the like

may jeopardize the validity of the application or submission or any registration resulting therefrom, declares that all statements made of his/her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

- 31. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 31.
- 32. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 32.
- 33. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraph 33.

The remainder of the Notice of Opposition contains Opposer's prayer for relief, to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Applicant denies the allegations in Opposer's prayer for relief and further states that Opposer is not entitled to any relief in this opposition.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Zox LLC asserts that the following defenses are at issue or will be at issue after an opportunity to conduct discovery:

First Affirmative Defense

Opposer fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

Second Affirmative Defense

As a result of Applicant its predecessors in interest, and/or related entities use of the Zox Mark since the time of Applicant's adoption thereof, the Zox Mark has developed significant goodwill among the consuming public and consumer acceptance of the goods and services offered by Applicant in conjunction with the Zox Mark. Such goodwill and widespread usage have caused the Zox Mark to acquire distinctiveness with respect to Applicant, and caused the Mark to become a valuable asset of Applicant.

Third Affirmative Defense

Opposer's claim is barred because Applicant has priority of use of the Zox Mark over

Opposer as to the mark at issue. Applicant has priority of use of the mark over Opposer as to the goods, services and market at issue. As the assignee of Zox International, Inc., Opposer is the owner by assignment of the goodwill in the mark ZOX (i.e. Reg. No. 2992108 for which a Section 8 declaration was filed and accepted by the Trademark Office), where the assigned mark was first used in commerce at least as early as 1992 or well before any date of first use claimed by Opposer. Zox International, Inc. used the mark ZOX as an identifier for a variety of goods and services.

Fourth Affirmative Defense

Opposer's claim is barred because of his own conduct, affirmative statements and admissions, as well as a result of Opposer's failure to timely assert any objection to the alleged use of the mark ZOX by Applicant. Consequently, Opposer has waived any cause of action and/or claim for relief in conjunction therewith, and thus is barred or precluded from maintaining such action or obtaining any judgment or relief whatsoever against Applicant. Opposer has had actual knowledge of Applicant's ZOX marks for at least several years.

Fifth Affirmative Defense

Applicant has been using the Zox Mark and developing consumer recognition and goodwill therein since at least as early as 2011, such use being open, notorious and known to Opposer and such knowledge, in turn, being known to Opposer. During this time Opposer failed to take meaningful action to assert the claims on which it bases this Opposition, on which inaction Applicant has relied to its detriment. Opposer's claims are consequently barred by the doctrines of laches, acquiescence and estoppel.

Sixth Affirmative Defense

Opposer has unclean hands, by virtue of the measures taken by Opposer, to intentionally and wrongfully provide false information to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the prosecution of Registration No. 5,268,843 and Application Serial No. 88/228,839 and in this Opposition proceeding.

Seventh Affirmative Defense

Opposer abandoned his rights, if any, in his asserted mark through non-use, ornamental use, or by acts that caused the mark to lose its significance as an indication of origin. Upon information and belief, Opposer made no use of the ZOX mark in commerce on some or all of the goods and services listed in Registration No. 5,268,843 and Application Serial No. 88/28,839 for at least three years between 2014 and 2020 and likely for all such years.

Eighth Affirmative Defense

Opposer's claims are barred because Opposer's mark is unenforceable against Applicant due to Opposer's failure to use the mark in commerce for one or more years. Upon information and belief, Opposer made no use of the ZOX mark in commerce on some or all of the goods and services listed in Registration No. 5,268,843 and Application Serial No. 88/28,839 for at least one year between 2014 and 2020 and likely for all such years.

COUNTERCLAIM TO CANCEL OPPOSER'S REGISTRATION NO. 5,268,843

Applicant (hereinafter "Petitioner"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, alleges as follows:

PETITON TO CANCEL

Petitioner ZOX LLC, a California Limited Liability Company having offices at 5304 Derry Avenue Suite G, Agoura Hills, California 91301 ("Petitioner") has been damaged by the registration of the trademark shown in United States Trademark Registration No. 5,268,843, (hereinafter "the '843 Registration") registered on August 22, 2017 to Registrants John Zox, Daniel Zox and Andrew Zox (collectively "Registrants"), individuals, having a listed address of Church Street Station, PO Box 3236, New York, New York 10008. Petitioner hereby petitions to cancel the '843 Registration in whole or in part under 15 U.S.C. § 1064(3) on the basis of (1) Petitioner's prior rights in Petitioner's registered and common law trademark rights in its ZOX marks, (2) Registrants' procurement and maintenance of a registration in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office for Registrants' ZOX mark by a false or fraudulent declaration or representation in writing, and, (3) non-use or discontinuance of use of Registrants' mark and intent not to resume or begin such use.

The grounds for the petition to cancel Registrants' ZOX mark are as follows:

FACTS

Background on Registrants and Petitioner's ZOX Marks

- 1. Petitioner is the owner of a globally recognized retail company that goes by the name of ZOX. Petitioner sells its products in over 170 different countries and into all 50 United States. Petitioner sells a wide range of retail products including, wall prints, collector cards, coloring books, keychains, gift cards, binders, wristbands, bracelets, pins, rings, hoodies, t-shirts, hoodie strings, and various types of bags with interchangeable straps. Petitioner also provides a wide range of services in connection with its brand, including live video streams, YouTube videos, charitable fundraisers and blog content in the field of art, fashion and self-help. (See Exhibit A.)
- 2. Consumers all around the world collect, buy, sell and trade, Petitioner's goods at or over MSRP due to the goodwill that Petitioner has created in the ZOX brand. (See Exhibit B.)
- 3. Petitioner has a large social media presence, including an email list of over 562,000 persons, 202,000 Instagram followers, 280,000 likes and 286,000 followers on its brand Facebook page, and 17,000 active members in its Facebook VIP support group. Additionally, numerous fanpages have been made by Petitioner's customers. Petitioner uses its brand and social media platforms to encourage others through live streams, YouTube videos, charitable work and emotional support groups. (See Exhibit C.)
- 4. Throughout its existence, Petitioner has acquired, owned and used several marks over the years, all primarily containing the standard character mark "ZOX" to identify its goods and services.

5. Petitioner owns in whole or in part the right, title and interest in and to the ZOX marks, the applications and registrations for which are indicated below:

Mark and	Reg. No.	Goods	Class	Use In	Filing	Reg. Date
Owners				Commerce	Date	
ZOX	2992108	Clothing and accessories;	025	Oct. 01,	May	September
		namely, jackets, coats,		1992	10,	6, 2005
		sweaters, pants, shirts,			2004	
(House of		shorts, swimwear, and				
Kuipers		undergarments for women				
LLC)		and men, jogging suits, T-				
LLC)		shirts, tank tops, jerseys,				
		cotton woven shirts, knit				
		shirts, polo shirts, golf				
		shirts, dresses, blouses,				
		nightgowns, pajamas,				
		sweat pants, sweatshirts,				
		jogging suits, neckties,				
		belts, suspenders, sandals,				
		shoes, caps, hats, wrist				
		bands, head bands, sun				
		visors, scarves,				
		bandannas, ear muffs,				
		gloves, mittens, leg				
		warmers, pantyhose,				
		stockings, leotards, tights,				
		and leggings.				
ZOX	4412948	Elastic fabric wristbands	Class	Sept. 15,	Oct.	Oct. 8,
STRAPS		in the nature of a bracelet	014	2011	3,	2013

(House of Kuipers LLC)					2011	
ZOX (House of Kuipers LLC)	4465691	Wristbands in the nature of a bracelet.	Class 14	Sept. 15, 2011	May 31, 2013	Jan. 14, 2014
	4465691	Wristbands; shirts	Class 025	Sept. 15, 2011	May 31, 2013	Jan. 14, 2014
ZOXBOX (House of Kuipers LLC)	4759961	Athletic apparel, namely, shirts, pants, jackets, footwear, hats and caps, athletic uniforms; Wristbands.	Class 025	May 30, 2012	Nov. 2, 2014	June 23, 2015
ZOX (House of Kuipers LLC)	5233845	Backpacks	Class 018	Oct. 31, 2016	July 7, 2016	June 27, 2017
	5233845	On-line retail and wholesale store services	Class 035	Aug. 2011	July 7,	June 27, 2017

		featuring clothing apparel, wristbands, bags and accessories			2016	
ZOX (House of Kuipers LLC)	Pending (Serial No. 8865921 7)	Coloring books; Prints	Class 016	Sept. 15, 2011	Oct. 17, 2019	Pending
ZOX (ZOX LLC)	Pending (Serial No. 8780278 8)	Sunglasses	Class 009	Pending filing of statement of use Notice of allowance issued September 3, 2018	Feb. 19, 2018	Pending filing of statement of use Notice of allowance issued September 3, 2018
ZOXLIST (ZOX LLC)	Pending (Serial No. 8858247	Downloadable software in the nature of a mobile application for allowing users to search for, find, research, analyze, compare, sell, and purchase goods and services via the Internet, global computer	Class 009	Pending filing of statement of use Notice of Allowance issued December	Aug. 16, 2019	Pending filing statement of use Notice of Allowance issued December

		communication networks, and wireless telecommunications networks; downloadable computer application software for mobile phones that enables customers to search an online searchable database in the field of clothing, bags and accessories, and to purchase consumer goods and view product information		10, 2019		10, 2019
ZOX	Pending (Serial No. 8882995 7)	Jewelry	Class 014	August 01, 2011	Marc h 11, 2020	Pending
		Hoodies; T-shirts; Wristbands as clothing	Class 025	Aug. 01, 2011		
? ZOX Mystery Pack	Pending (Serial No. 8865709	Bracelets	Class 014	Sept. 01, 2013	Oct.1 6, 2019	Pending

	6)					
ZOXLIST	Pending (Serial No. 8858243 2)	Provision of an on-line marketplace for buyers and sellers of wristbands and bracelets.	Class 035	September 27, 2012	Aug. 16, 2019	Published for Oppositio n on April 14, 2020

- 6. Registrants have the surname Zox. The primary significance of Registrants' mark to its customers is that it is their surname.
- 7. Registrants Daniel Zox and Andrew Zox advertise their film services via the websites danielzox.com and andrewzox.com.
- 8. Registrants, John Zox, Andrew Zox and Daniel Zox, were members of a local Rhode Island band called "ZOX" that stopped touring in 2009. Currently, John Zox, who is referred to as the "namesake" via the band's Wikipedia page, is the only one of Registrants still

claiming to be an active part of the band. Registrant John Zox's band has not performed a live musical show in over five years, it's last show occurred on October 11, 2014 in Providence Rhode Island.

- 9. Since 2014, Registrant John Zox has attempted to benefit from the goodwill that Petitioner has built in the ZOX retail brand instead of building his own goodwill. Registrant John Zox has gone so far as to state to Petitioner's principal, Jason Kuipers, via a telephone conversation in 2016 that because his last name is Zox, he should be entitled to 50% of Petitioner's company should Petitioner ever decide to sell.
- 10. Registrants are the listed owner of the '843 Registration, which was registered on the Principal Register on August 22, 2017 from an application filed on March 28, 2016. The '843 Registration is for the ZOX standard character service mark for use in connection with "Prerecorded video cassette tapes, audio and video discs in the nature of CDs and DVDs and digital files, motion picture and documentary film, all featuring live action, computer generated, animated cartoons and musical entertainment and educational subject matter in the field of literature, science, history, art, government, engineering, philosophy, fashion, mathematics, economics, and zoology; film and video equipment, namely still, motion picture film and video cameras, videocassette recorders, videocassette players, digital video or audio players, and film and video editing machines; computer software for film and video editing; eyeglasses" Class 009 and "Production, development and distribution of motion picture films, television programs, documentary films, music videos, virtual and augmented reality videos, concert video and interactive media in the nature of literature, science, technology, religion, sports, politics, history, art, government, engineering, philosophy, fashion, mathematics, and economics; theatrical or musical works performed in a live setting; publication of books and screenplays; providing a website featuring educational information in the field of music, theater, cinema, design, photography, visual and performing arts and animal training; production of audio and audiovisual recordings; Entertainment in the nature of live radio personality performances; Entertainment services, namely, providing webcasts and video podcasts in the field of

personality performances" Class 041 ("Registrants's Goods"). The '843 Registration alleges a date of first use anywhere and in commerce of January 1, 2006.

- 11. Since at least as early as 1991, Petitioner, its predecessors, related companies, or licensees have continuously used the mark ZOX in interstate commerce as an identifier of a variety of goods and services, including clothing, accessories, and bags, and since at least as early as September 11, 2015 for blog services in the field of fashion, art, emotional support and self-help, live stream entertainment services in the field of fashion, art, emotional support and self-help, and interactive forum providing information in the field of fashion, art, emotional support and self-help) (collectively "Petitioner's Goods and Services").
- 12. Petitioner's ZOX marks have continuously appeared in substantial advertising and promotion of Petitioner's Goods and Services, such that the marks are closely identified with Petitioner's Goods and Services and have gained valuable public recognition. Petitioner's marks are inherently distinctive or have become distinctive through the acquisition of secondary meaning. By virtue of its sales of high-quality products and services bearing its ZOX marks in interstate commerce, its expenditures of considerable sums for promotional activities, and the excellence of its products, Petitioner has developed significant goodwill in its marks and a valuable reputation.
- 13. Due to Petitioner and its predecessors continuous use of its ZOX marks, Petitioner's customers do not recognize the ZOX mark as the name of a band or as the last name of John Zox, Andrew Zox or Daniel Zox. Rather, consumers recognize its ZOX mark as an indication of the quality products that Petitioner produces.

PRIORITY/LIKELIHOOD OF CONFUSION

14. Both Petitioner and Registrants' goods overlap. For example, the '843

Registration includes "eyeglasses" in Class 009 and Petitioner's pending U.S. Application Serial no. 88/659,217 for the mark ZOX has been refused registration in light of the '843 Registration with the Trademark Office issuing a 2(d) refusal.

- 15. On April 25, 2013, Petitioner's predecessor was assigned "all right, title and interest in the United States in and to" United States trademark registration No. 2,992,108 "together with the goodwill and business symbolized by said trademark." (See Exhibit D.) Registration No. 2,992,108 has a priority of use date that is earlier than any priority date Registrants can rely upon in connection with clothing and accessory items.
- 16. On September 2, 2011, a Section 8 declaration of use was filed in connection with Registration No. 2,992,108. On September 7, 2011, Section 8 declaration of use filed in connection with Registration No. 2,992,108 was accepted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Board.
- 17. Petitioner's predecessor, House of Kuipers LLC, was assigned the entire interest and the goodwill associated with Registration No. 2,992,108 on January 29, 2014. (See Exhibit D.)
- 18. Registrants swore under oath that their first use in commerce for Registration No. '843 was no earlier than December 01, 2006.
- 19. Petitioner discontinued use of the design portion of Registration No. 2,992,108 but has continuously used the "ZOX" portion of the mark in connection with a variety of items identical to or closely related to certain goods listed in Registration No. 2,992,108.
- 20. Registrants' mark so resembles Petitioner's mark, as to be likely to cause confusion, or cause mistake, or to deceive, in violation of Section 2(d) of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C §1052(d), when used on or in connection with Registrants' Goods & Services.

Specifically, "eyeglasses" are in such close proximity to goods that Petitioner has priority claims to and goods that Petitioner currently produces and sells such that Registrants' Registration No. '843 in so far as it relates to "eyeglasses" should be canceled.

NON-USE

- 21. On information and belief, Registrants either no longer use or have never used the ZOX marks in interstate commerce in connection with certain categories of goods and services claimed in the '843 Registration as required by Section 45 of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1127.
- 22. On information and belief, Registrants no longer or have never used the ZOX mark in connection with the following goods in Class 009:
 - a. prerecorded video cassette tapes;
- b. audio and video discs in the nature of CDs and DVDs and digital files, motion picture and documentary film, all featuring...animated cartoons...educational subject matter in the field of literature, science, history, art, government, engineering, philosophy, fashion, mathematics, economics, and zoology;
 - c. film and video equipment, namely still, motion picture film and video cameras,
 - d. videocassette recorders;
 - e. videocassette players;
 - f. digital video or audio players;
 - g. film and video editing machines;
 - h. computer software for film and video editing; and
 - i. eyeglasses.
- 23. On information and belief, Registrants do not intend to resume use or begin use of the ZOX mark with respect to:
 - a. Prerecorded video cassette tapes;
- b. audio and video discs in the nature of CDs and DVDs and digital files, motion picture and documentary film, all featuring...animated cartoons...educational subject matter in the field of literature, science, history, art, government, engineering, philosophy, fashion, mathematics, economics, and zoology;

- c. film and video equipment, namely still, motion picture film and video cameras;
- d. videocassette recorders;
- e. videocassette players;
- f. digital video or audio players;
- g. film and video editing machines;
- h. computer software for film and video editing; and
- i. eyeglasses.
- 24. Therefore, Registrants' Registration No. 5,268,843 for ZOX should be cancelled in whole or part in class 009.
- 25. On information and belief, Registrants no longer or have never used the ZOX mark in interstate commerce in connection with the following goods in Class 041:
 - a. Production, development and distribution of motion picture films, television programs, documentary films, music videos, virtual and augmented reality videos, concert video and interactive media in the nature of literature, science, technology, religion, sports, politics, history, art, government, engineering, philosophy, fashion, mathematics, and economics; theatrical or musical works performed in a live setting;
 - b. publication of books and screenplays;
 - c. providing a website featuring educational information in the field of music, theater, cinema, design, photography, visual and performing arts and animal training;
 - d. production of audio and audiovisual recordings;
 - e. Entertainment in the nature of live radio personality performances; and
 - f. Entertainment services, namely, providing webcasts and video podcasts in the field of personality performances.
- 26. On information and belief, Registrants do not intend to resume use or begin use of the ZOX mark with respect to:

- a. Production, development and distribution of motion picture films, television programs, documentary films, music videos, virtual and augmented reality videos, concert video and interactive media in the nature of literature, science, technology, religion, sports, politics, history, art, government, engineering, philosophy, fashion, mathematics, and economics; theatrical or musical works performed in a live setting;
 - b. publication of books and screenplays;
- c. providing a website featuring educational information in the field of music, theater, cinema, design, photography, visual and performing arts and animal training;
 - d. production of audio and audiovisual recordings;
 - e. entertainment in the nature of live radio personality performances; and
- f. entertainment services, namely, providing webcasts and video podcasts in the field of personality performances.
- 27. Therefore, Registrants' Registration No. 5,268,843 for ZOX should be cancelled in class 041.

FRAUD ON THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

- 28. On March 28, 2016 Registrants committed their first act of fraud on the U.S Patent & Trademark office in connection with the '843 Registration when they filed with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office Application Serial No. 86/954,997 (the "'997 Application") to register the mark ZOX on the Principal Register in classes 009, 025, and 041.
- 29. For the Class 025 specimen, Registrants submitted numerous pages (Pages 4-38) of images showing items that can be ordered from the online custom print store "Zazzle" displaying the Zox band name and/or artwork. On information and belief, Registrants were not presently selling and had not sold *all* of the goods listed in Class 025. Attached as Exhibit E are examples of how a specimen can be made using Zazzle. (See Exhibit E.)

- 30. The '997 Application included a sworn declaration signed under penalty of perjury by Edward J. Baba, attorney of record for Registrants, that the mark ZOX was "first used in commerce at least as early as January 01, 2006, and is now in use in such commerce" in connection with *all* of the goods and services recited in the application as filed including, "Entertainment and education services; production, development and distribution of motion picture films, television programs, documentary films, music videos, virtual/augmented reality videos, concert video production; live performance of said works; theatrical or musical works performed in a live or pre-recorded setting; providing a website featuring entertainment/education information; publication of books and screenplays; production of audio and audiovisual recordings" in class 041 and "Prerecorded video cassette tapes, audio and video (both DVD and CD) discs and digital files, motion picture and documentary film, and other recorded media, all featuring live action, computer generated, animated and/or musical entertainment and educational subject matter." in Class 009. Mr. Baba further swore on behalf of Registrants:
 - a. The undersigned, being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and that such willful false statements, and the like, may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting registration, declares that he/she is properly authorized to execute this application on behalf of the applicant; he/she believes the applicant to be the owner of the trademark/service mark sought to be registered, or, if the application is being filed under 15 U.S.C. Section 1051(b), he/she believes applicant to be entitled to use such mark in commerce; to the best of his/her knowledge and belief no other person, firm, corporation, or association has the right to use the mark in commerce, either in the identical form thereof or in such near resemblance thereto as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services of such other person, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive; and that all statements made of his/her own knowledge are true; and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

- 21. On March 28, 2016 Registrants committed their second act of fraud on the U.S. Patent & Trademark office in connection with the '843 Registration when Registrants filed a response to an office action dated July 12, 2016 to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office for Application Serial No. 86954997 to register the mark ZOX on the Principal Register, which included a sworn affidavit signed by John Zox stating that "The mark has become distinctive of the goods and/or services through the applicant's substantially exclusive and continuous use of the mark in commerce that the U.S. Congress may lawfully regulate for at least the five years immediately before the date of this statement." 37 C.F.R. §2.41(a)(2); TMEP §1212.05(d); see 37 C.F.R. §2.193(e)(1).
- 22. On January 11, 2017 Registrants committed their third act of fraud on the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in connection with their '843 Registration, when Registrants filed a response to an office action dated July 12, 2016 to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office for Application Serial No. 86954997 to register the mark ZOX on the Principal Register, which included a sworn declaration signed under penalty of perjury by Edward J. Baba, attorney of record for Registrants, that the mark ZOX was "first used in commerce at least as early as January 01, 2006, and is now in use in such commerce" in connection with "Prerecorded video cassette tapes, audio and video discs in the nature of CDs and DVDs and digital files, motion picture and documentary film, all featuring live action, computer generated, animated cartoons and musical entertainment and educational subject matter in the field of literature, science, history, art, government, engineering, philosophy, fashion, mathematics, economics, and zoology; film and video equipment, namely still, motion picture film and video cameras, videocassette recorders, videocassette players, digital video or audio players, and film and video editing machines; computer software for film and video editing; eyeglasses." in Class 009 and "Entertainment and education services; production, development and distribution of motion picture films, television programs, documentary films, music videos, virtual/augmented reality videos, concert video production; live performance of said works; theatrical or musical works performed in a live or pre-recorded setting; providing a website featuring entertainment/education information; publication of books and screenplays; production of audio and audiovisual recordings" in Class 041. Mr. Baba further swore on behalf of Registrants:

- a. The undersigned, being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and that such willful false statements, and the like, may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting registration, declares that he/she is properly authorized to execute this application on behalf of the applicant; he/she believes the applicant to be the owner of the trademark/service mark sought to be registered, or, if the application is being filed under 15 U.S.C. Section 1051(b), he/she believes applicant to be entitled to use such mark in commerce; to the best of his/her knowledge and belief no other person, firm, corporation, or association has the right to use the mark in commerce, either in the identical form thereof or in such near resemblance thereto as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services of such other person, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive; and that all statements made of his/her own knowledge are true; and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.
- 23. On April 25, 2017 Registrants committed their fourth act of fraud on the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in connection with the '843 Registration, when Registrants filed a request for reconsideration to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office for Application Serial No. 86954997 to register the mark ZOX on the Principal Register, which included a sworn declaration signed under penalty of perjury by Edward J. Baba, attorney of record for Registrants, that the mark ZOX was "first used in commerce at least as early as January 01, 2006, and is now in use in such commerce" in connection with "Production, development and distribution of motion picture films, television programs, documentary films, music videos, virtual and augmented reality videos, concert video and interactive media in the nature of literature, science, technology, religion, sports, politics, history, art, government, engineering, philosophy, fashion, mathematics, and economics; theatrical or musical works performed in a live setting; publication of books and screenplays; providing a website featuring educational information in the field of music, theater, cinema, design, photography, visual and performing arts and animal training; production of audio and audiovisual recordings; Entertainment in the

nature of live radio personality performances; Entertainment services, namely, providing webcasts and video podcasts in the field of personality performances." in Class 041.

- 24. Petitioner has reason to believe that Registrants did not use the ZOX mark in connection with a portion of the goods and services listed in the '843 Registration ever or at least not until August 2010. Additionally, Petitioner has reason to believe that use of the mark in connection with any of the goods and services listed in the '843 Registration by Registrants ceased.
- 25. By Registrant John Zox's own sworn admissions, Registrants have not used the ZOX mark in connection with live musical performances since at least as early as 2014.
- 26. On information and belief, Registrants do not have a good faith intent to continue to use the mark in connection with live musical performances.
- 27. On information and belief, Registrants knew the above mentioned statements were false at the time they were made.
- 28. On information and belief, Registrants continuously and knowingly made such false statements in order to induce the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office to issue a certificate of registration.
- 29. Insofar as the aforementioned false statements were knowingly made, such statements constitute fraud on the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.
- 30. By Registrants own sworn admissions, Registrants have not used the ZOX mark in connection with live musical performances since at least as early as 2014.

31. On information and belief, Registrants were aware of Petitioner's use in

commerce of ZOX in connection with related goods and services at the time it filed the

application for the '843 Registration.

32. For the foregoing reasons, the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office would not have

issued Reg. No. 5,268,843 for ZOX —or maintained such registrations—but for the knowingly

fraudulent representations made by Registrants to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

33. Registrants' multiple acts of fraud on the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office warrant

cancellation of Registrants' Reg. No. 5,268,843 for ZOX.

34. Registrants' non-use of their marks in commerce that Congress may regulate is

sufficient grounds—alone—to cancel Registrants' Reg. No. 5,268,843 for ZOX.

35. WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that

Registration No. 5,268,843 be cancelled in full or in part.

Respectfully submitted,

CISLO & THOMAS LLP

Dated: November 23, 2020

/Katherine M. Bond/

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

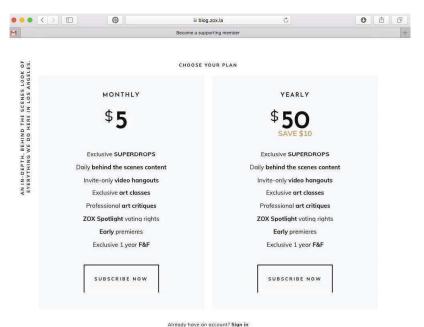
I hereby certify that a true and complete copy of the foregoing: **ANSWER**, **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES and COUNTERCLAIM** have been served on Opposer and Registrants' counsel on Nov. 23, 2020 via email:

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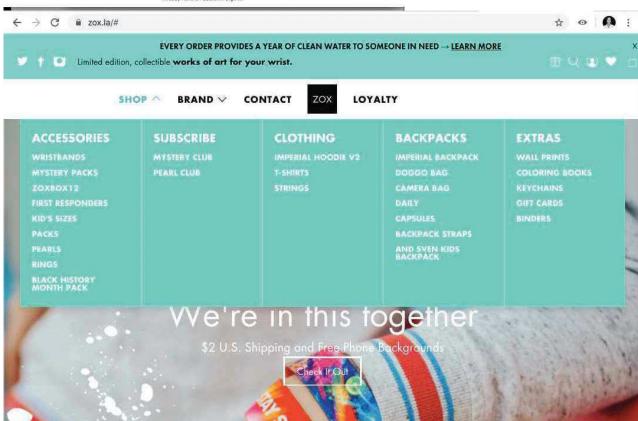
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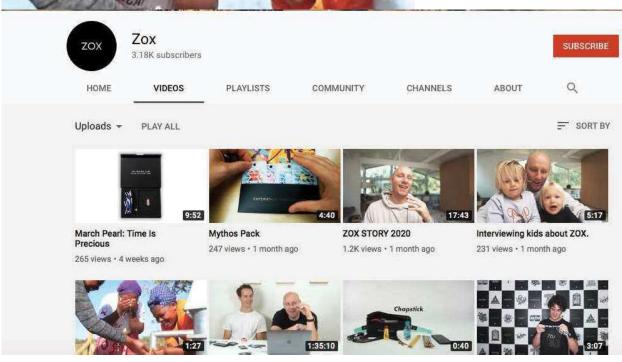
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Zox Straps - Sloth Collabo! 796 views • 7 years ago



First time our store has crashed from traffic at Zox...

1.5K views • 7 years ago



Choosing the winners for all 16 Euro Zox Straps!

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Shooting our new homepage picture for Zox Straps!

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ZOXBOX Giveaway

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Kirby's so excited!

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5,000 Likes!

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Our store goes live! 1.4K views • 8 years ago



Kirby's too tired.

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F&F behind the scenes

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EXHIBIT B



ZOX OLDIES!!! OG Straps Buy/Sell/Trade/Discuss/MORE!

+ Join

Group - 135 members

This is a group for fans of the Zox OLDIES!!!! We wanna see those OG straps here so show off you... 7 posts a day







ZOX Blackstar "STOP" #002 Golden Ticket Redemption Gant Stop This!

\$199.00

or Best Offer +\$5.00 shipping © Watch



ZOX Black Star Card Collect and Redeem 5 For The Ultimate Surprise - TICKET New (Other)

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Suy It Now Free Shipping Watch FAST IN FREE Guaranteed by Mon, May. 4



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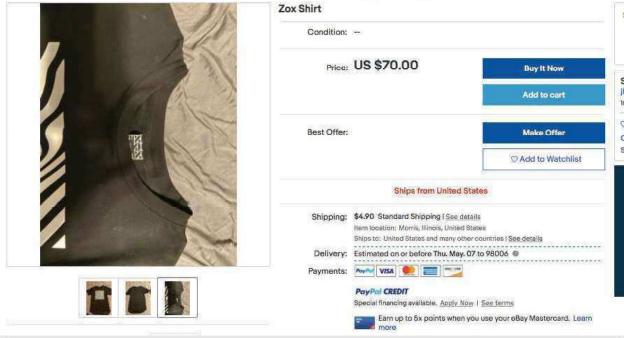


ZOX Strap Pearl Otterly Grateful Thanksgiving Limited 1000 Matching Pin Set of 2 Brand New

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Buy It Now











Zoxlist

Group · 8.9K members



For anyone looking to trade/buy ZOX items! The rules are in a document and must be read & fully... Member since August 2019



Ladies and Gentlemen, I present an auction for the strap that many of you have been searching for: Eiffel #99.

The auction will start at \$150, and will only be in dollar increments.

The auction will go until Sunday, June 24th at 5pm EST.

Buyer will pay for shipping (\$3 if domestic, \$10 if international), if international buyer, I will likely need help figuring out how to ship the strap out.

As is custom with straps like this one, there will be a no sniping rule in effect, ext... See More



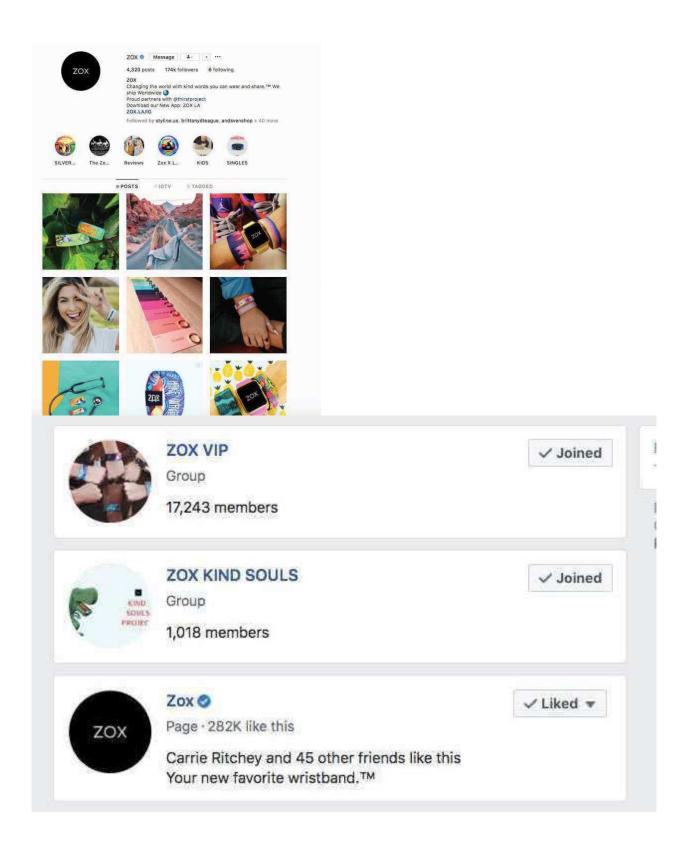


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EXHIBIT C





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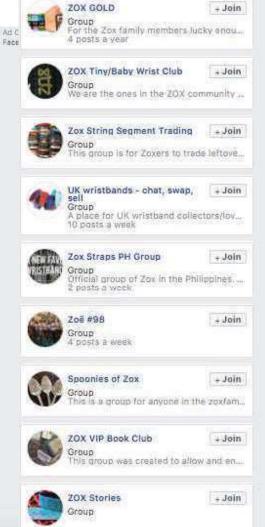


EXHIBIT D

TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

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SUBMISSION TYPE:	NEW ASSIGNMENT
NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	ASSIGNS THE ENTIRE INTEREST AND THE GOODWILL

CONVEYING PARTY DATA

Name	Formerly	Execution Date	Entity Type
Zox International, Inc.		04/25/2013	CORPORATION: NEBRASKA

RECEIVING PARTY DATA

Name:	Zox Straps, LLC
Street Address:	7119 E. Shea Blvd., #109-143
City:	Scottsdale
State/Country:	ARIZONA
Postal Code:	85254
Entity Type:	LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: ARIZONA

PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 1

Property Type	Number	Word Mark
Registration Number:	2992108	ZOX

CORRESPONDENCE DATA

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ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER:	ZOX001
NAME OF SUBMITTER:	Adam R. Stephenson
Signature:	/Adam Stephenson/
Date:	05/03/2013

Total Attachments: 2

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EXHIBIT A: FORM OF ASSIGNMENT OF MARK TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Zox International, Inc. a Nebraska Corporation located at 1811 West Second Street, Suite 111, Grand Island, Nebraska, 68803, is the owner of the following trademark for which a registration has been granted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

TrademarkRegistration No.Date of RegistrationZOX2,992,108September 6, 2005

And WHEREAS, Zox Straps, LLC, an Arizona Limited Liability Company located at 7119 E. Shea Blvd., #109-143, Scottsdale, AZ 85254, desires to acquire title to the above trademark registration together with the goodwill of the business symbolized by said trademark.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Zox International, Inc., hereby assigns to Zox Straps, LLC, all right, title, and interest in the United States in and to the above trademark and the registration therefor, together with the goodwill of the business symbolized by the above trademark and the corresponding registration therefor.

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CONVEYING PARTY DATA

Name	Formerly	Execution Date	Entity Type
Zox Straps, LLC		101/29/2014	LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: ARIZONA

RECEIVING PARTY DATA

Name:	House of Kuipers, LLC	
Street Address:	578 Washington Blvd., Ste. 661	
City:	Marina del Rey	
State/Country:	CALIFORNIA	
Postal Code:	90292	
Entity Type:	LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: CALIFORNIA	

PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 3

Property Type	Number	Word Mark
Registration Number:	4412948	ZOX STRAPS
Registration Number:	2992108	ZOX
Registration Number:	4465691	ZOX

CORRESPONDENCE DATA

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TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Zox Straps, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company located at 7119 E. Shea Blvd. #109-143, Scottsdale, AZ 85254, has adopted, used, is using, and is the owner of the following trademarks for which registrations have been granted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

<u>Trademark</u>	Registration No.	Date of Registration
ZOX STRAPS	4,412,948	October 8, 2013
ZOX	2,992,108	September 6, 2005
ZOX	4,465,691	January 14, 2014

And WHEREAS, House of Kuipers, LLC, a California limited liability company located at 578 Washington Blvd., Ste. 661, Marina del Rey, CA 90292, desires to acquire title to the above trademark registrations together with the goodwill of the business symbolized by said trademarks,

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Zox Straps, LLC hereby assigns to House of Knipers, LLC, all right, title, and interest in the United States in and to the above trademarks and the registrations therefor, together with the goodwill of the business symbolized by the above trademarks and the corresponding registrations therefor.

Signed this 29th day of January. 2014, at Los Angles, CA (City and State)

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Title: OWNEV

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EXHIBIT E







XYZ SPECIMEN: CLASS 20

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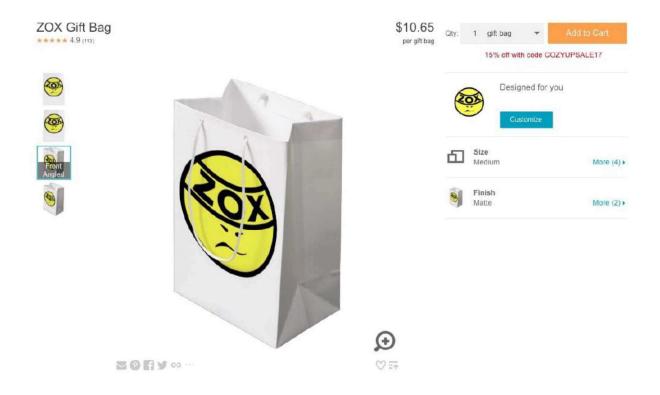
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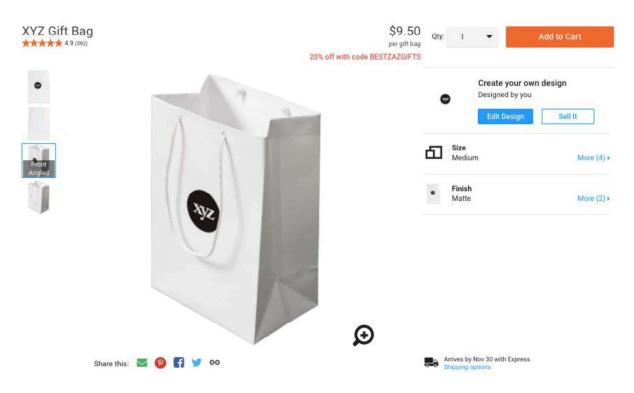






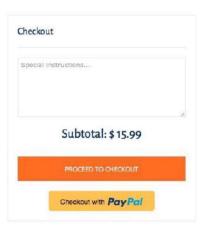
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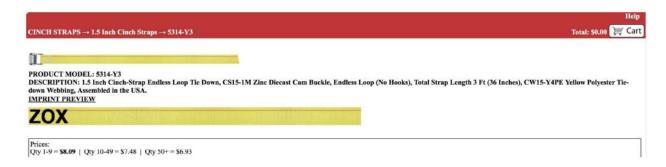


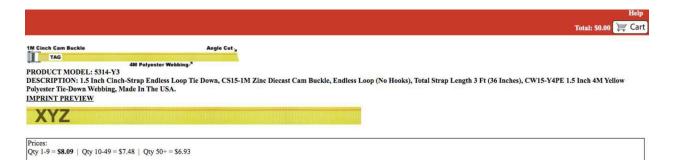
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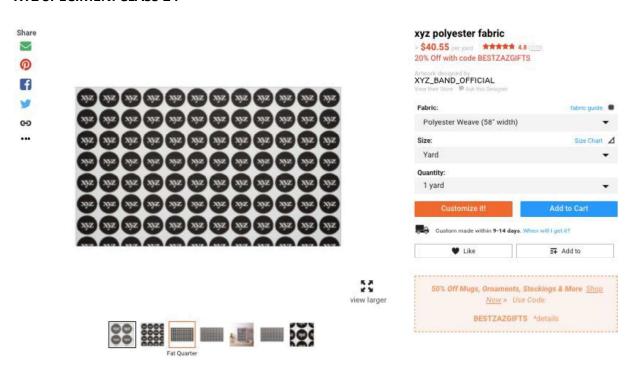
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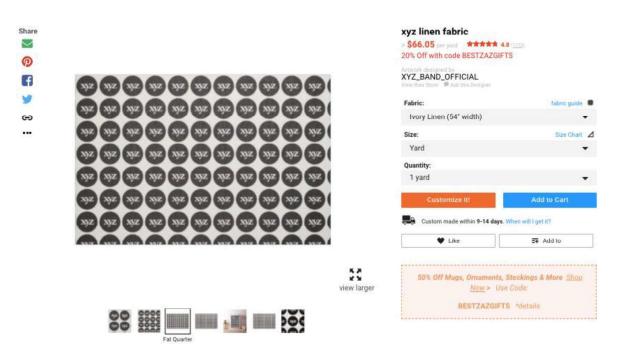




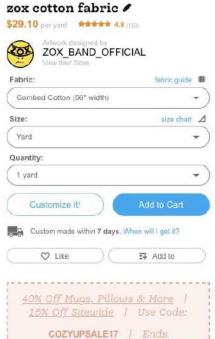






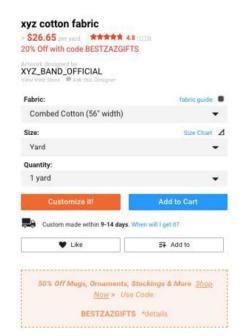






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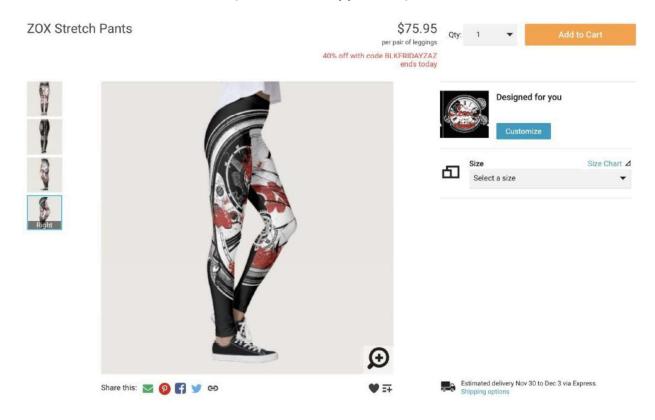


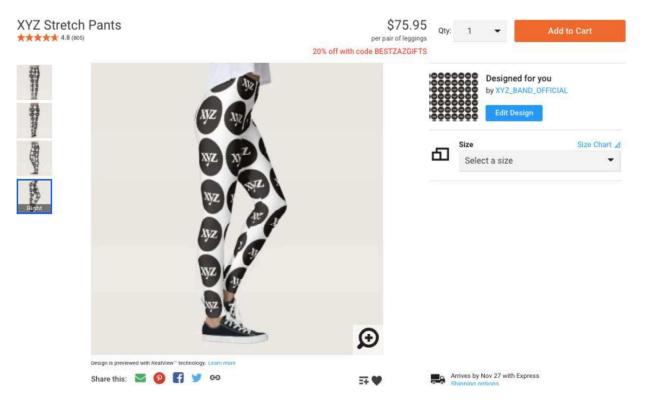


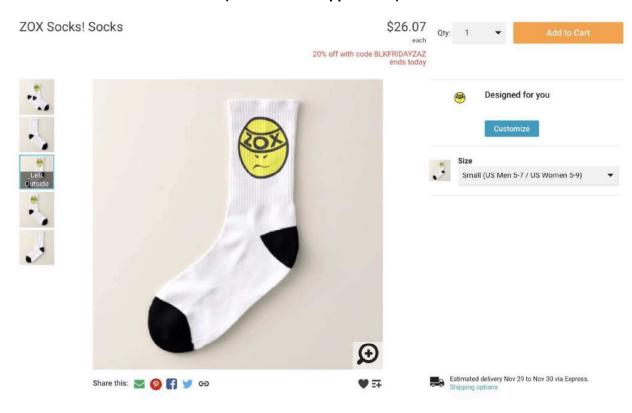


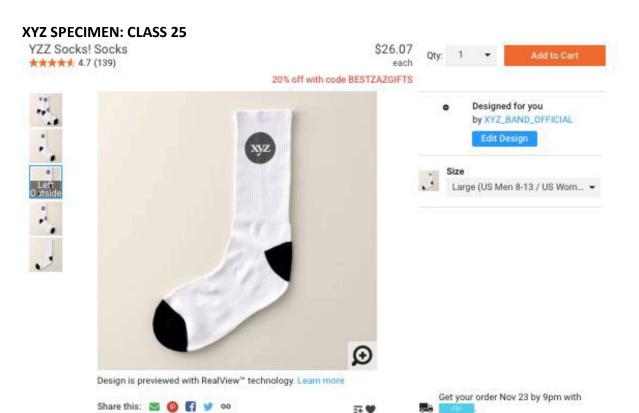
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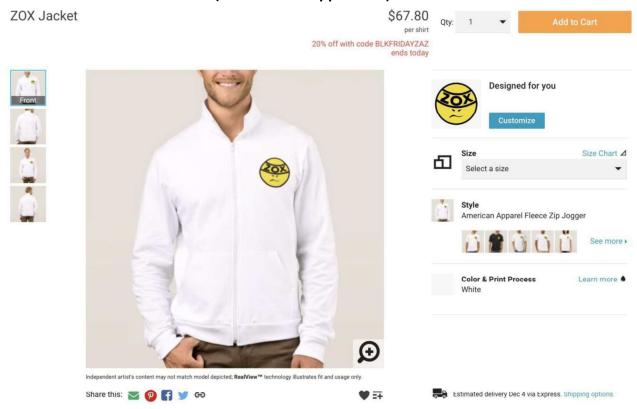


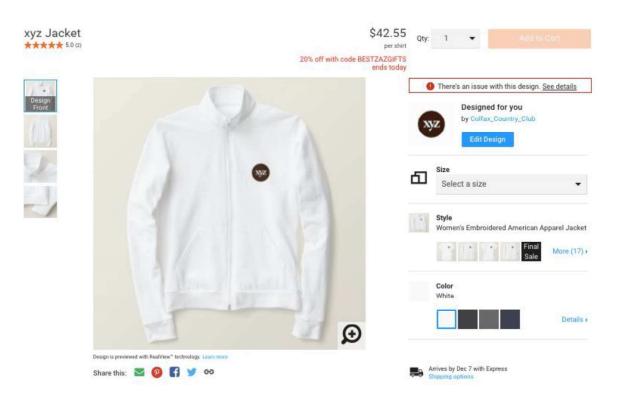


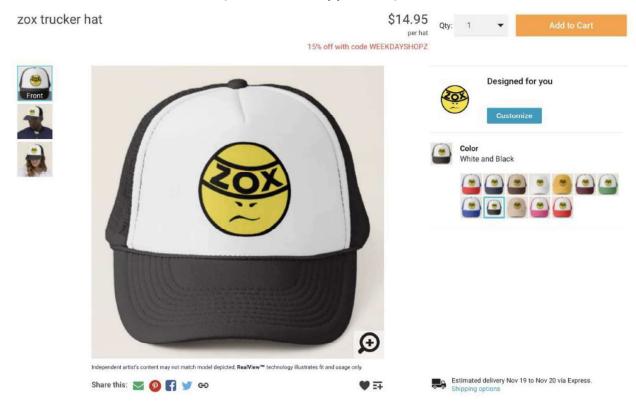


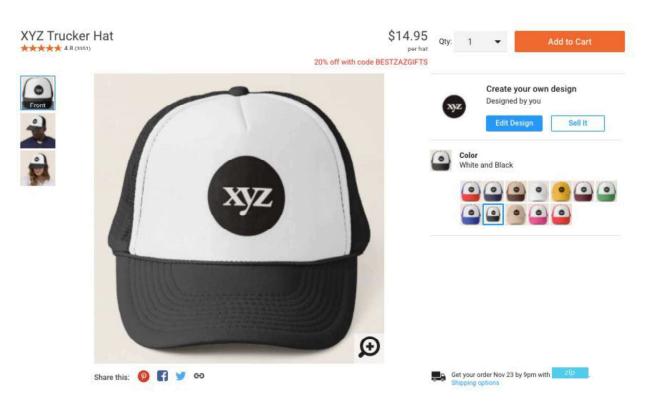


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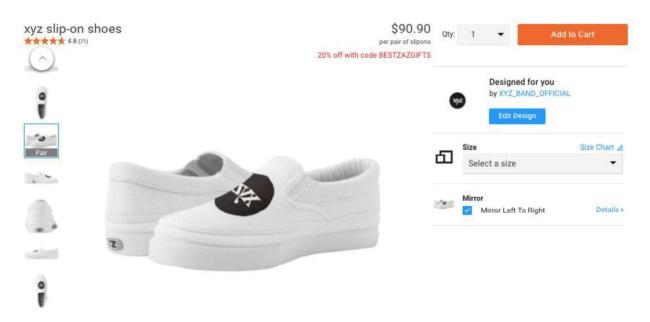


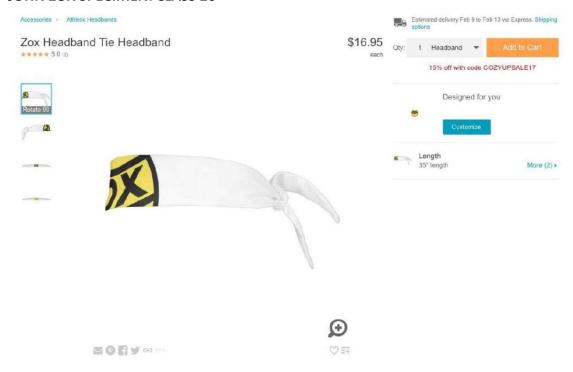


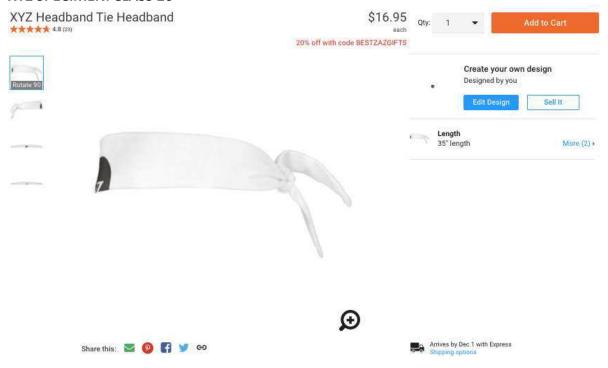




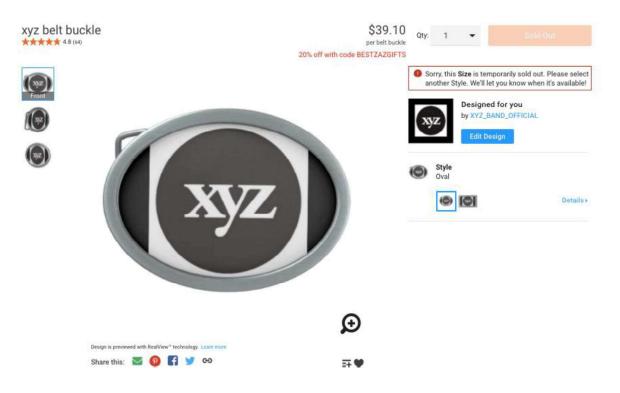


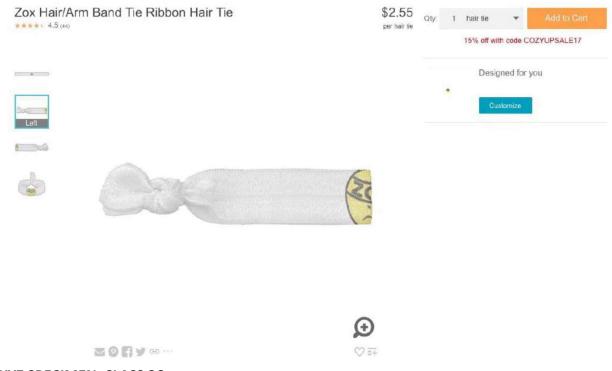


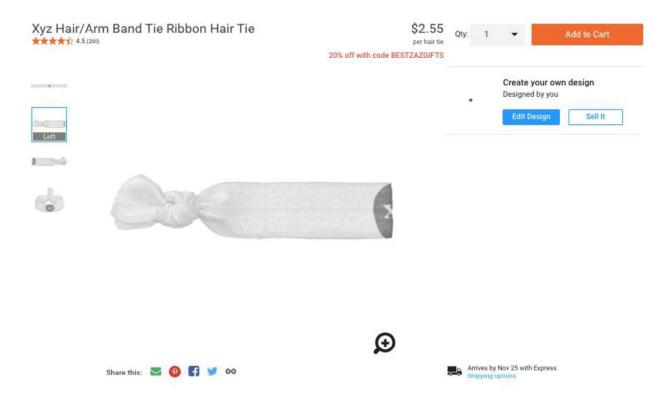


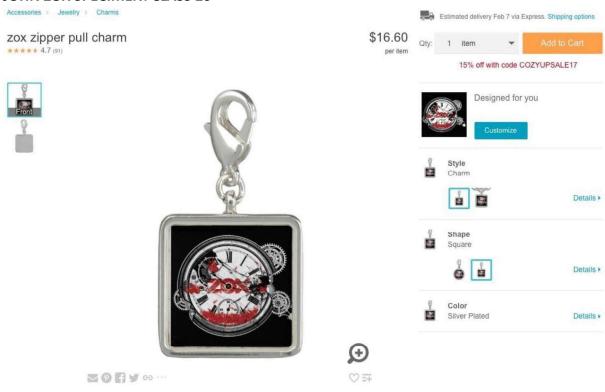


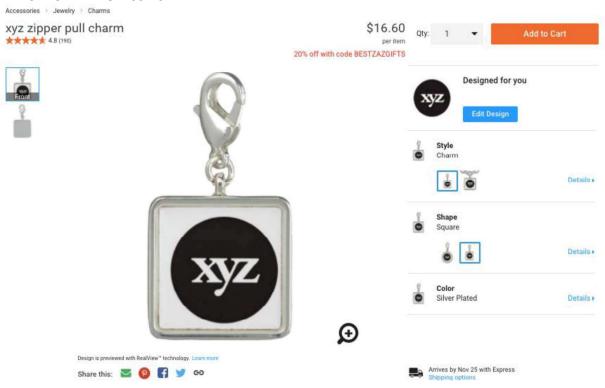


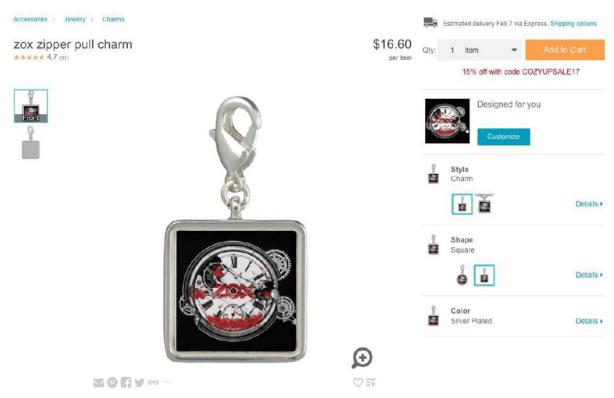


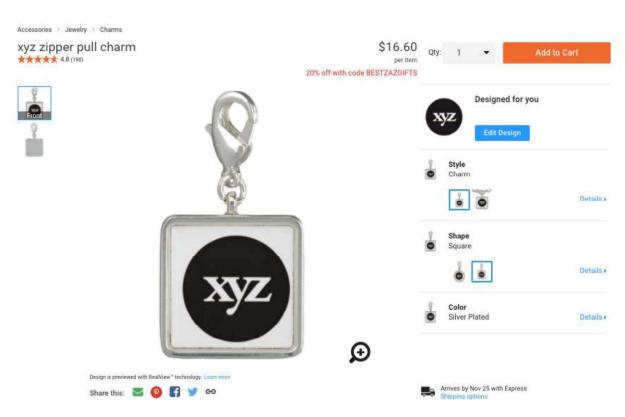


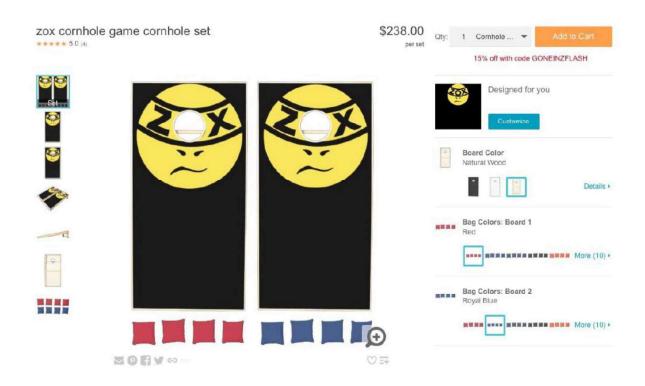


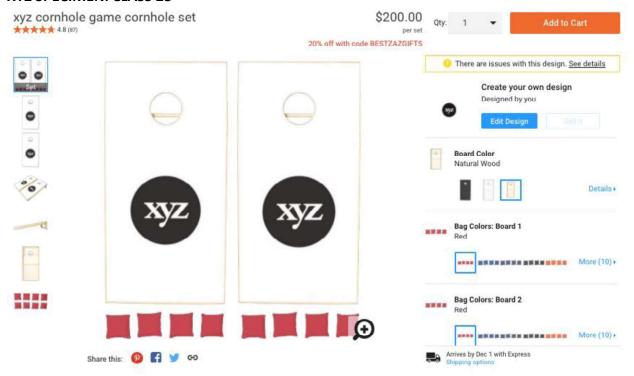


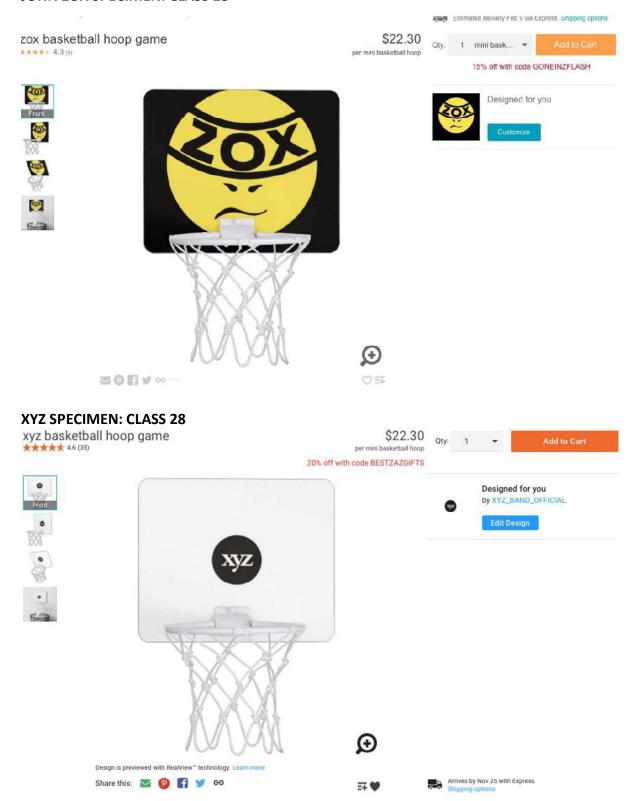




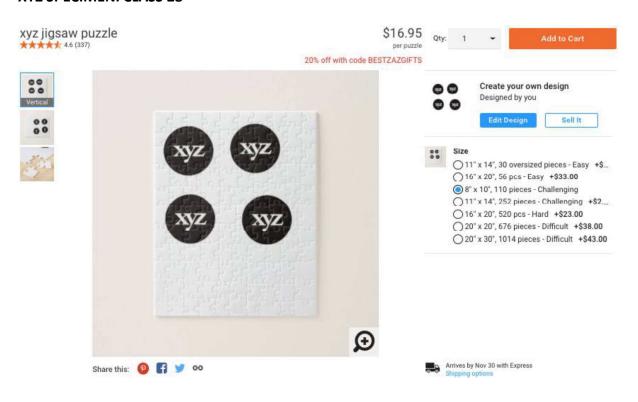








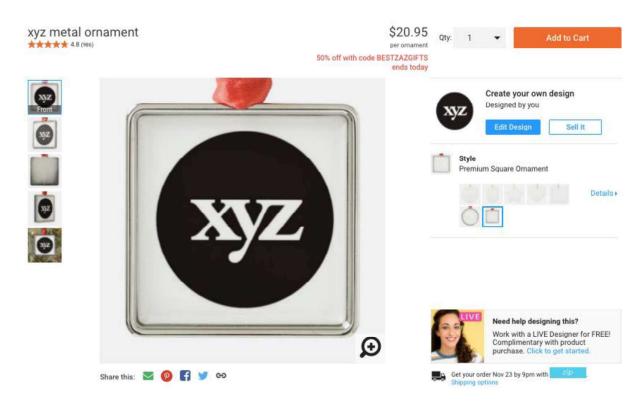




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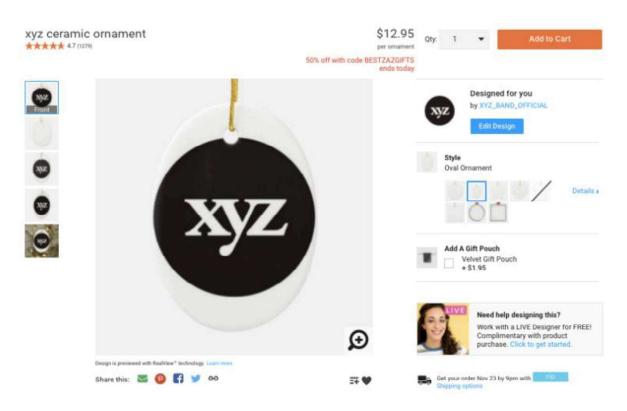
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